

POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2021

3:30 P.M.

WebEx Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT:

In-Person: Jim Freeman, City of Idaho Falls Council Member and Board Chair.

Via Webex: John Radford, City of Idaho Falls Council Member; Jim Francis, City of Idaho Falls Council Member; Larry Gilmore, City of Ucon Council Member; Sean Coletti, City of Ammon Mayor and Vice-Chair; John Walker, Bonneville County Commissioner.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Gubler, Jason Minzghor, Rebecca Casper

ALSO PRESENT: BMPO Director, Darrell West; BMPO Transportation Planner, DaNiel Jose and BMPO Office Assistant, Kaitlin Burbank; Karen Hiatt, representing ITD, was also present at the meeting via WebEx.

CALL TO ORDER: Jim Freeman called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

ACTION ITEMS

FY 2021 TIP Amendment: Darrell presented the FY 2021 TIP Amendment. There were no public comments. This amendment proposed to move unused funds to environmental work (NEPA). This project has a new key number, which is KN 22222. Karen Hiatt spoke of the changes to the key number. NEPA is anticipated to be completed in two years. The TAC recommended the approval of this amendment. John Radford made a motion to approve the FY 2021 TIP Amendment. This was seconded by Sean Coletti. The vote was unanimous.

2035 and 2050 Higher Employment Forecasts: The original 2050 projection for employment was low when compared with population growth. Therefore, the number was equalized with population and that added 11,000 employees to the planning area. When it was presented in the January meeting, the TAC and Policy Board felt that was a good starting point. At the end of January, the planners met together to look more in depth at each of the TAZ's and created a second distribution. The total numbers were sent out to TAC and Policy Board about 2 weeks ago. Darrell explained the differences between the first distribution and second distribution. Jim Francis asked about 401-1A3 and if we had estimated 526 and are dropping off 371 potential persons. Darrell explained that employment was reduced because they foresee that area as being mainly households instead of employers. John Radford asked what the total number for employment was for 2050. Darrell said the number currently sits at 73,000 and 120,000 is the projected number. Jim Francis moved to accept the 2035 and 2050 Higher Employment Forecasts. This was seconded by John Radford.

NEXT MEETING

March 17, 2021

The meeting adjourned

Kaitlin Burbank
Recording Secretary